

Interaction. For each of the revision topics, there is a need for the revised forest plan to:

**1. Maintenance and Improvement of Ecosystem Health**

- Adequately describe desired conditions for the vegetative communities regarding: composition, structure, and cover; resilient, functioning ecosystems; fire regimes; and plant and animal diversity.
- Provide direction regarding invasive species.
- Address the emerging issue of climate change by incorporating adaptive management strategies and describing ecological conditions that are resilient to change.

**2. Managed Recreation**

- Update the spectrum of recreation opportunities and the suitability of areas for motorized vehicle use.
- Incorporate direction for existing special areas that were not included in the current forest plan.
- Identify rivers that are eligible for the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.
- Evaluate lands for wilderness potential and, if appropriate, recommend designation by Congress.

**3. Community-Forest Interaction**

- Reduce the risk to communities and natural resources from wildfire and provide guidance for addressing urban interface demands (access, trailheads, special use permits).
- Address community expansion needs, preservation of open space, and water during land ownership adjustments.
- Address a sustainable supply of forest and rangeland resources that is consistent with achieving desired conditions and that supports local communities.
- Update the criteria for establishing new energy (utility) corridors. (Reference: Comprehensive Evaluation Report.)

**Public Participation and Opportunity To Comment**

The revision process is designed to provide continued opportunities for public collaboration and open participation in the development of the revised forest plan. Additional information on the process, the documents being produced, and public participation opportunities can be found on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests' plan revision Web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/asnf/plan-revision/>.

The Forest Service is seeking public comments on the need for change

identified in the Comprehensive Evaluation Report. Substantive comments received by February 16, 2009 will be of the most value in evaluating public response to the adequacy of the need for change topics outlined in the report.

It is important to participate in the plan revision process as only those parties who participate following the publication of this notice through the submission of written comments can submit an objection later in the proposed plan development process pursuant to 36 CFR 219.13(a). Comments received during the planning process, including the names and addresses of those who commented will be part of the public record available for public inspection. The Responsible Official shall accept and consider comments submitted anonymously. Submit written comments to the address noted above.

**Estimated Planning Process Schedule**

The revision process for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests officially begins with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. A series of public meetings to begin building the revised plan is tentatively planned for late spring 2009. The dates, times, and locations of these meetings will be posted on the forests' Web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/asnf/plan-revision/>. A draft proposed forest plan is currently scheduled to be issued for pre-decisional review in September 2009 and final plan approval in September 2010.

**Responsible Official**

The Forest Supervisor, Chris Knopp, is the Responsible Official (36 CFR 219.2(b)(1)).

(Authority: 36 CFR 219.9(b)(2)(i), 73 FR 21509, April 21, 2008)

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Proposed Forest Plan Amendment for the Palomar Gasline Transmission Project; Mt. Hood National Forest; Oregon**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Revised Notice of intent to prepare a forest plan amendment.

**SUMMARY:** On November 24, 2008 the USDA Forest Service, Mt. Hood National Forest published a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 70956) to prepare a forest plan amendment for the proposed Palomar Gasline Transmission Project (PGT). The Notice of Intent is being revised to extend the end of the scoping comment period from January 9, 2009 to February 4, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Dated: December 8, 2008.

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**Forest Service**

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**Travel Management Directives; Forest Service Manual 2350, 7700, and 7710 and Forest Service Handbook 7709.55**

**Correction**

In notice document E8-29041 beginning on page 74689 in the issue of Tuesday, December 9, 2008, make the following correction:

On page 74689, in the first column, in the **DATES** paragraph, in the second line, "January 7, 2009" should read "January 8, 2009".

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**U.S. Census Bureau**

**Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3) Survey**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Census Bureau.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,